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# H. R. 3236

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1998

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRADY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HORN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ROEMER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. SPRATT, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. YATES, Mr. GORDON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. HOYER, Mr. KING, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Equality for Israel at  
3 the United Nations Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FULL EQUALITY AT THE**  
5 **UNITED NATIONS FOR ISRAEL.**

6       (a) CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT.—It is the sense of  
7 the Congress that—

8           (1) the United States must help promote an  
9 end to the persistent inequity experienced by Israel  
10 in the United Nations whereby Israel is the only  
11 longstanding member of the organization to be de-  
12 nied acceptance into any of the United Nations re-  
13 gional blocs, which serve as the basis for participa-  
14 tion in important activities of the United Nations,  
15 including rotating membership on the United Na-  
16 tions Security Council; and

17           (2) the United States Ambassador to the  
18 United Nations should take all steps necessary to  
19 ensure Israel’s acceptance in the Western Europe  
20 and Others Group (WEOG) regional bloc, whose  
21 membership includes the non-European countries of  
22 Canada, Australia, and the United States.

23       (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days  
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on a quar-  
25 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit  
26 to the appropriate congressional committees a report

1 which includes the following information (in classified or  
2 unclassified form as appropriate):

3 (1) Actions taken by representatives of the  
4 United States, including the United States Amba-  
5 sador to the United Nations, to encourage the na-  
6 tions of the Western Europe and Others Group  
7 (WEOG) to accept Israel into their regional bloc.

8 (2) Efforts undertaken by the Secretary Gen-  
9 eral of the United Nations to secure Israel's full and  
10 equal participation in that body.

11 (3) Specific responses solicited and received by  
12 the Secretary of State from each of the nations of  
13 Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) on  
14 their position concerning Israel's acceptance into  
15 their organization.

16 (4) Other measures being undertaken, and  
17 which will be undertaken, to ensure and promote  
18 Israel's full and equal participation in the United  
19 Nations.

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